

MAURICEWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

November 2014

Some Great Results!

There has been a great response to our Sponsored Walk and at the final count we have collected £ 3,251.25. We are very grateful for the generosity of families and friends in raising such a fantastic amount. The money is reserved for special events and activities, such as author visits, sports tasters, house treats and workshops. Our pupil experience in school is enriched by these opportunities and having a special fund means we ask parents for less money across the year.

Our Book Fayre also did very well again this year taking in £2167.44. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed choosing new books for our library with the commission earned. Thanks to all who took part, the library continues to attract readers with some of the latest titles.

Showcasing our Learning

Fairyland Afternoon

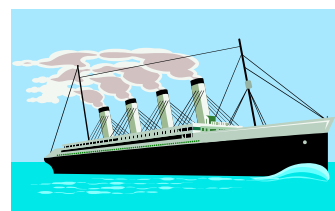
Primary 1 and 2 pupils have been very busy solving some problems in Fairyland, brought to them by a friendly dragon or so they reported!

They are enjoying developing their literacy skills through traditional stories and look forward to sharing their learning with families on the 18th November at 1.30pm.



The Unsinkable Ship

Primary 5 and 6 pupils have immersed themselves in the 1900s to discover more about the voyage of the Titanic and the lives of the unfortunate passengers. They look forward to inviting guests aboard on 26th November at 2pm for a journey back in time.



Drumming in Mauricewood

On Friday 14th November at 11.15 parents are welcome to listen to a performance of drumming from P3MB, P4C, P6M and P6W. These classes have been developing their skills with South American Cajon Drums with support from Daniel Duggan and Infectious Drums. I am sure you will be very impressed by the finished results.

A Message from the PTA



FACEBOOK PAGE

The Parent Council and PTA have their own Facebook page on which they advertise meetings and events as well as other points of interest. Just search Facebook groups for Mauricewood Parent Council and PTA.

Remember - the school Website is also a great source of information for anything relating to School or Nursery!

CHRISTMAS FAYRE 2014

This will take place, in school, on Saturday 29th November (10am till 12 noon).

DONATIONS WANTED!

A Dress Down Day will be held on Friday 21st November. Instead of money children taking part are asked to bring a donation for the tombola or bottle stall.

Tombola - Do you have any unwanted gifts you could re-cycle? Do you know friends and family who might? Please bring them to school.

Bottle Stall - Bottled goods are sought after too (e.g. bottles of wine or spirits, bubble bath or even tomato ketchup!). Please bring them to school.

Home baking - the Café needs donations of home baking. If you're talented in this area (or maybe you have a master baker in the family) we'd welcome donations. Please bring these to school on Friday 28 November, or on the day of the Fayre itself.

Note - please consider food allergies too. If you can tell us the ingredients that would help!

PARENT HELPERS

We need lots of helpers to make these events possible. Last year we struggled for helpers, putting the event at risk. We hope we can avoid this for 2014. If you can help (in any way), please contact Anne Shanks direct on mobile number - 07803895456 or email address - aaerm@talktalk.net.

Parents' Room Problems



Unfortunately the nursery staff are finding their early year resources are being pulled out of boxes and left lying over the floor after parents and children use the room. Valuable equipment is being broken and staff are spending time tidying that should be put to planning for the next day. We want parents and children to use the facility but must ask that children only use the toys from the Parent Room Box and are prevented from pulling out other things. Please return toys to the box before leaving. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Learning and Teaching Developments



Our School Improvement Plan is on the website. We have changed the format to include I can statements so that it can be used easily by staff, parents and pupils. We hope it gives everyone a clear picture of how we are developing learning across the school and what that means for children. One of the priorities is for pupils to develop a language to reflect on their learning, understand their strengths and know what to do to improve. This should enable them to talk about their learning at home with parents/ carers and other adults who support them. We invite parents to join their children to learn more about the learning ethos we are developing on our 'Mindset Afternoon' on the 27th November. There will be an information session at night for parents who cannot join us during the open afternoon. We hope you can get involved and learn more about supporting your child to develop as a learner.



Parent Council

Our Parent Council is actively seeking new members. It is a small, friendly group who want to ensure that parents views are represented in all aspects of school life. This year they will have a real focus on our School Improvement Plan by giving parental views on how we involve families in developing and sharing learning with their children. You do not have to be able to come to every meeting, whatever you can manage would be much appreciated. We meet in Beeslack High School, just ask at reception. All meetings start at 7pm and the next dates are below :

Wednesday 26th November; Thursday 22nd January; Tuesday 24th February; Monday 27th April.



Dates for the Diary

Monday 10th November P7 Hockey Team out of school

Tuesday 11th November Photographs taken for School Calendars—please wear school uniform

Thursday 13th November Pudsey's Pantry pupils can buy some home baking to support Children in Need. Donations gratefully received—please note baking must be nut free

Thursday 13th November P7 Football and Basketball teams out of school

Friday 14th November 9.30am Class Assembly P3C

Friday 14th November 11.15am Drumming Showcase for P3MB P4C P6M and P6W

Monday 17th November 9.15am Volunteer Coffee Morning—all welcome A chance to hear about opportunities to volunteer in Mauricewood: class literacy and numeracy supporters; golden time volunteers: trips and visits: library: garden: playground: baking; general help . The list is always expanding so please share any good ideas. This is a great chance to get to know your school even better, enrich the experiences of our children and enjoy being part of a friendly team of parents/ carers and staff.

Tuesday 18th November 1.30pm Fairyland Open Afternoon friends and families of P1 and P2 all welcome to celebrate learning

Tuesday 18th November 7pm PTA Meeting Beeslack High School

Wednesday 19th November 9.15 to 10.15am Enrolment for P1 pupils starting in August 2015

Thursday 20th November 9.15 to 10.15am Enrolment for P1 pupils starting in August 2015

Thursday 20th November pm Le Petit Monde—French Puppet Show for P2 and French Conversation for P6 pupils.

Friday 21st November Dress Down Day for PTA- dress down and bring a donation for the PTA tombola/ bottle stall at the Christmas Fayre

Friday 21st November 12.00 -1.00pm New parents Nursery Induction Session

Tuesday 25th November Nursery Parent appointments for ante pre-schoolers. A chance for parents of children who have joined us recently to find out how they are getting on in nursery.

Wednesday 26th November Titanic Open Afternoon 2.00pm—welcome aboard to families of P5 and P6 pupils

Wednesday 26th November 3.20 to 4.30pm Pupil Group Meeting—Learning Council and Healthy Living Group Please return permission slip with details of how your child is getting home

Thursday 27th November 1.30pm Open Afternoon Pupil as a Learner or

6.30pm—7.30pm Pupil as a Learner Information Session

Saturday 29th November 10am- 12noon Christmas Fayre

Christmas Dates

- ★ Thursday 4th December Nursery Fayre and Nativity
- ★ Monday 8th December Morning Nursery to Pantomime at Brunton Theatre
- ★ Monday 8th December 1.30 pm Nativity Performance (P1&2)
- ★ Tuesday 9th December 9.30 am Nativity Performance (P1&2)
- ★ Wednesday 10th December 9.30 am Carol Concert (P5 to P7)
- ★ Wednesday 10th December 1.45 pm Festive Celebration (P3&4)
- ★ Wednesday 10th December Afternoon Nursery to Panto at Brunton Theatre
- ★ Thursday 11th December 9.30 am Festive Celebration (P3&4)
- ★ Thursday 11th December 1.45 pm Carol Concert (P5to P7)
- ★ Monday 15th December 9.30 am House Treat
- ★ Monday 15th December pm P5&P6 Christmas Party
- ★ Tuesday 16th December am P3 and P6 pupils to Lyceum Theatre for Panto
- ★ Tuesday 16th December pm P7 Christmas Party
- ★ Wednesday 17th December am P3&P4 Christmas Party
- ★ Wednesday 17th December School Christmas Lunch
- ★ Thursday 18th December am Nursery Christmas Party for both am and pm groups
- ★ Thursday 18th December pm P1 & P2 Christmas Party
- ★ Friday 19th December Christmas assembly with Rev. Cathcart
- ★ Friday 19th December please note **12noon finish (no afternoon nursery)**

Merry Christmas

Staff and Pupils resume Tuesday 6th January